

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AIRGRAM

Pet 2 Libya

FOR RM USE ONLY

RM/R	REP	AF
1	1	
ARA	EUR	FE
	5	
NEA	CU	INR
		6
E	P	IO
4		
3	FBO	AID
		20
AGR	COM	FRB
	10	3
INT	LAB	TAR
9		2
TR	XMB	AIR
4		5
ARMY	CIA	NAVY
3	16	7
OSD	USIA	NSA
21		3

TO : Department of State

E.O. 11652: N/A Mar 13 5 03 PM '73

TAGS: ENRG, LY RS/AN
ANALYSIS BRANCH

FROM : Amembassy TRIPOLI

DATE: March 8, 1973

SUBJECT: ECONOMIC REPORTING: PETROLEUM: LAR Oil and Gas
Statistics for 1972

REF : CERP 4251, 4254, 4257, 4260

Attached as an enclosure to this airgram is the 1972 statistical summary for the LAR petroleum industry prepared by the Economic Department, Statistics and Research Section, of the Ministry of Petroleum.

The highlights of the 1972 report are noted below:

Crude Production and Exports

Daily crude production in the LAR averaged 2,245,532 barrels during 1972. Total production for the year was 819,619,322 barrels. Crude oil exports averaged 2,220,268 barrels per day and came to 810,397,755 barrels for the year. The average daily production figure for 1972 represented an 18 percent decline from 1971.

Leading Export Companies

The Oasis group of companies was the largest crude exporter among producing companies in the LAR, exporting 284,399,666 barrels in 1972, followed by Occidental with 152,307,304 and the Esso group of companies with 122,511,936 barrels.

Enclosure: copy att @
Oil and Gas Statistics for 1972, LAR

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR DEPT. USE ONLY

☐ In ☐ Out

D5-323

Drafted by:

ECON: JRCountryman:s (3/5/73)

Contents and Classification Approved by: ADCM-CEMarthinsen

Clearances:

Encl in bottom drawer

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/AR

REVIEWED BY

RDS[or XDS] EXT. DATE

TS AUTH. REASON(S)

ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS

DECLASSIFIED [] RELEASABLE []

RELEASE DENTED []

EXEMPTIONS

of

UNCLASSIFIED

Tripoli

page 2

Destination of Crude Shipments

The destination pattern of LAR crude shipments during 1972 remained essentially the same as it has in past years, with Western Europe accounting for approximately 78 percent of all exports. West Germany was the leading importer of LAR crude followed by Italy, the UK, and France. The U.S. was the fifth largest importer of LAR crude and, with imports totaling 63,546,197 barrels, accounted for 7,8 percent of all crude exported. There were in addition small shipments to Eastern Europe: to the USSR 13,855,434 barrels; to Romania 6,020,489 barrels, and to Bulgaria 4,229,509 barrels.

Gas and Other Petroleum Product Exports

During 1972 a total of 95,477,708 MMBTUs of LNG were exported from the LAR to Italy and Spain. In addition 636,659 metric tons of naphtha (to the UK and Brazil) and 264,876 metric tons of LPG were exported.

JGJ
JOSIFUNCLASSIFIED